

STATE OF NEW YORK
STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of [REDACTED]
on behalf of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from action of the Board of Education
of the Maine-Endwell School District regarding
the denial of admission [REDACTED].

AFFIDAVIT

I, Mary Kathryn Simek, also known as Katie, being duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I am employed by the Maine-Endwell Central School District ("MECSD"), and have held the position of School Counselor at all periods relevant herein.
2. I am the school counselor for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
3. On October 2, 2023, I received an anonymous phone call from a man expressing deep concern for the safety of the [REDACTED] children. The caller mentioned that the mother, [REDACTED] ("[REDACTED]"), is considered dangerous, law enforcement is involved, and there should be significant concern for the well-being of the children.
4. On the same day, October 2, 2023, I met with [REDACTED] at school wherein I was informed by him that he feels safe at home, and that his family no longer resides at Pitkin Hill Road, Johnson City. [REDACTED], New York.
5. I next contacted [REDACTED] that same day, October 2, 2023, [REDACTED] an Airbnb [REDACTED] [REDACTED] declined to disclose her current address without a stated reason [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

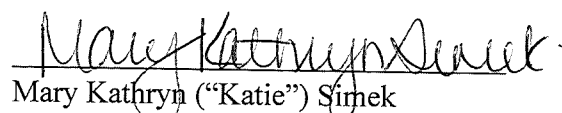
6. That same day, October 2, 2023, I was present when MECSD Principal Mark Wilson ("Wilson"), contacted the landlord of the Pitkin Hill property, Thomas D'Angelo ("D'Angelo") [REDACTED] an attempt to determine [REDACTED]'s current residence. D'Angelo advised that the [REDACTED] were no longer residing [REDACTED] Pitkin Hill Road, Johnson City, NY. [see Aff. of Mark Wilson].
7. Subsequently, on October 4, 2023, as a result of a report to CPS, I was present when a CPS caseworker conducted interviews at MECSD with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] acknowledged that the [REDACTED]'s current residence is [REDACTED].
8. Thereafter my involvement with this matter was primarily limited to periodic check-ins with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to assess his well-being.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: January 24, 2024

Sworn to before me this 24th day of
January 2024.


Notary Public


Mary Kathryn ("Katie") Simek
School Counselor, Maine Endwell Central
School District

